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TITLE: CLOSURE OPERATOR HAVING A HANDLE THAT ROTATES AS
THE CLOSURE ROTATES

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Enclosed, please find copies of two (2) references, which are also listed on the attached PTO-form 1449. Enclosed are the International search reports for PCT/US04/43617 and US/02/20917. In addition in the enclosed 1449 is a listing of the patents not already cited in the present application.

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) :E05F 11/54, 11/84

US CL :049/333, 335

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 049/333, 335, 336, 338, 460, 461; 016/412, 429, 458

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

BRS search: doors and gear and (shaft nears (fix or stationary or fixed or lock or locked) and handle

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 5,910,077 A (AUMILLER et al.) 08 June 1999, whole document.	1, 7, 8, 13 and 23
A	US 259,191 A (MERRILL) 06 June 1882, whole document.	1-23
A	US 270,310 A (HARRISON) 09 January 1883, whole document.	1-23
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A	US 1,670,921 A (ZIMMER) 22 May 1928, whole document.	1-23
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